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For : SPEECH RECOGNITION DEVICE AND SPEECH  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1)                                     | (2)<br>Claims remaining after<br>amendment | (3)   | (4)<br>Highest<br>number<br>previously<br>paid for | (5)<br>Present extra | (6)<br>Rate | (7)<br>Additional<br>Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims                            | 9  | Minus | 20   | x                    | \$50 (25)   | = \$0.00                 |
| Independent claims                      | 3  | Minus | 3  | x                    | \$200 (100) | = \$0.00                 |
| Total additional fee for this amendment |  |       |  |                      |             | \$0.00                   |

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 19, 2006 having a three-month statutory  
period for response set to expire on October 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.